

1949

Official Reports

BRIDGEWATER

New Hampshire



For Year Ending December 31, 1949

ANNUAL REPORTS

— OF THE —

Selectmen, Clerk, Treasurer,
Road Agents, School Board,
and Other Officials

— OF THE —

Town of Bridgewater

— FOR THE —

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1949

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TOWN OFFICERS

Town Clerk

ELIZABETH P. POLLARD

Selectmen

HOLLIS L. POLLARD EVERETT E. ATWOOD

LEE E. HORSMAN

Treasurer

INA M. ATWOOD

Tax Collector

EDWARD G. MELLUS

Road Agent

JOHN L. JENNESS

Fire Warden

EVERETT E. ATWOOD

Police Officer

DELMORE BUCKLIN

Supervisors

ELMER WISER

JANE COOK

MARIETTA GILPATRIC

Trustees of Trust Funds

HARRY SMITH

JOSEPHINE FLETCHER

FRANCIS CLEMENT

Library Trustees

EDNA L. LeBEAU

JESSICA WATROUS

JOSEPHINE FLETCHER

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Bridgewater in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at The Grange Hall in said Bridgewater on Tuesday, the Fourteenth day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Selectman for three years and all other necessary Town Officers.

2. To see if the Town will vote to adjust the salaries of the Selectmen and Tax Collector.

3. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for General Government.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,343.84 for Class 5 Highways T. R. A., and the State will contribute \$1,375.35 or the sum of \$343.84 and the State will contribute \$1,375.35.

5. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the maintenance of Class 5 Highways and Bridges. (Town Roads).

6. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue Snowplowing Driveways.

7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Snow Removal and Winter Sand.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300 to purchase land from Henry St. Germain for the Town Dump, or vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100 to carry out the conditions of the contract with Henry St. Germain.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$74.00 for the Lakes Region Association.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37.00 for the Newfound Region Association.

11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Old Home Day.

12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fire Protection.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$700 for Old Age Assistance.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400 for Blister Rust Control.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15.00 for Memorial Day.

16. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Libraries.

17. To see if the Town will vote to require the Road Agent to subscribe to Telephone service within one month after election. (By request).

18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes and deliver inventory blanks when assessing.

19. To transmit any further business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this twenty-eighth day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and Fifty.

EVERETT E. ATWOOD,

HOLLIS L. POLLARD,

Selectmen of Bridgewater

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

EVERETT E. ATWOOD,

HOLLIS L. POLLARD,

Selectmen of Bridgewater

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	
Town Hall	\$ 1,200.00
Furniture and equipment	80.00
Libraries and Equipment	200.00
Fire Department	300.00
Highway Department	3,000.00
Schools, land and buildings, equipment	3,200.00
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	\$ 8,880.00

Certificate

This is to certify that the information in this report was taken from the official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

EVERETT E. ATWOOD,
LEE HORSMAN,
HOLLIS POLLARD

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the
Ensuing Year January 1, 1950 to December 31, 1950
Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appro-
priations and Expenditures of the Previous Year Jan-
uary 1, 1949 to December 31, 1949.

Sources of Revenue

	Actual	Estimated
	1949	1950
From State:		
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 123.67	\$ 120.00
Railroad Tax	.10	.10
Savings Bank Tax	106.32	100.00
From Local Sources Except Taxes:		
Dog Licenses	48.00	50.00
Interest Received on		
Taxes and Deposits	109.36	100.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	689.87	400.00
From Local Taxes Other Than		
Property Taxes:		
Poll Taxes—Regular		
at \$2.00	254.00	250.00
Total Revenues from all Sources		
Except Property Taxes	\$ 1,331.32	\$ 1,020.10
*Amt. to be Raised by		
Property Taxes		17,415.49
Total Revenues		\$ 18,435.59

* Total estimated "Reveues from All sources except Property Taxes" deducted from Total estimated "Expenditures" should give estimated "Amount to be raised by Property Taxes."

Purposes of Expenditures

	Actual 1949	Estimated 1950
Current Maintenance Expenses:		
General Government:		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 655.00	\$ 750.00
Town Officers' Expenses	457.06	475.00
Election and Registration Expenses	37.99	75.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Bldgs.	29.90	30.00
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Police Department	35.04	50.00
Fire Department	1,339.66	500.00
Health:		
Town Dump and Garbage Removal	200.00	300.00
Highways and Bridges:		
Town Maintenance:		
Summer	4,016.57	4,000.00
Winter	2,492.35	2,500.00
Town Road Aid	559.33	1,343.84
Libraries	30.00	50.00
Public Welfare:		
Old Age Assistance	679.73	700.00
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations	15.00	15.00
Payment on Principal of Debt:		
Deficit of Previous Year	1,112.38	

Payments to Other

Governmental Divisions:

County Taxes	1,695.24	1,928.30
School Taxes	6,806.00	8,146.75
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 20,261.25</u>	<u>\$18,435.59</u>

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

INVENTORY

Land and Buildings	\$680,640.00
Growing Wood and Timber	8,725.00
Electric Plants	27,315.00
8 Horses	700.00
4 Oxen	600.00
54 Cows	5,915.00
4 Other Neat Stock	350.00
6 Sheep and Goats	60.00
Fowl	70.00
Vehicles	700.00
Portable Mills	3,800.00
Wood, Lumber, etc.	8,400.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	425.00
Stock in Trade	3,800.00
Total Valuation	<hr/> \$741,480.00
Less Soldiers' Exemptions	\$ 13,850.00
	<hr/> \$727,630.00
Taxes Committed to Collector	\$ 19,975.79
Added Taxes	710.63
	<hr/> \$ 20,686.42

Average rate percent of taxation for all purposes \$2.66

Comparative Statement of Appropriations Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1949 And Expenditures

Title of Account	Liabilities Forwarded From 1948	\$	Appropriations 1949	\$	Receipts and Reimbursements	\$	Total Amount Available	\$	Expenditures	\$	Balances Unexpended	Balances Overdrawn	Assets Forwarded to 1950	Liabilities Forwarded to 1950
Town Officers' Salaries)		\$	1,350.00	\$		\$	1,350.00	\$	768.99)	\$	123.72			\$
Town Officers' Expenses)									457.29)					
Election & Registration)									29.90			29.90		
Town Hall & Other Buildings			1,200.00		35.47		1,235.47		1,339.66			104.19		
Fire Dept. & Forest Fires			200.00		3.52		203.52		200.00		3.52			
Blister Rust									46.00					
Bounties													46.00	
Health Dept. & Town Dump	100.00		100.00				200.00		200.00					
Vital Statistics									3.00			3.00		
Town Road Aid			343.28				343.28		343.28					

Town Maintenance:							
Summer	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,085.77			85.77	
Winter	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,492.35		7.65		
Library	30.00	30.00	30.00				
Old Age Assistance	600.00	600.00	679.73			79.73	
Memorial Day	15.00	15.00	15.00				
Old Home Day	20.00	20.00	20.00				
Advertising & Regional Associations	26.00	26.00	26.00				
Temporary Loans	4,500.00	8,000.00	12,500.00				
Interest on Temporary Loans			202.73			202.73	
Special Poll Taxes	96.00	96.00	96.00				
School District:							
Appropriation	3,403.19	7,011.73	10,414.92	5,653.19			4,761.73
Dog Licenses	173.83		221.83				221.83
Overlay - Abatements		48.00	389.44	265.77	123.67		
County Tax		1,872.27	1,872.27	1,872.27			
Town Road Aid Account							
New Construction							
Net Debt of 12-31-48							
Appropriated in 1949						216.05	
					1,112.38		
Totals	\$ 8,273.02	\$20,770.10	\$10,404.57	\$39,447.69	\$33,860.56	\$ 1,370.94	\$ 721.37 \$ 46.00 \$4,983.56

Comparative Balance Sheet

ASSETS

	As of Dec. 31, 1948	As of Dec. 31, 1949
Cash Balance—Treasurer	\$ 3,088.53	\$ 1,062.80
—Tax Collector	36.32	10.00
Bounties Due from State	55.00	46.00
Uncollected Taxes	3,980.79	4,436.92
Total Assets	\$ 7,160.64	\$ 5,555.72
Net Debt	1,112.38	
Total Assets & Net Debt	\$ 8,273.02	\$ 5,555.72

LIABILITIES

Tax Anticipation Notes Payable	\$ 4,500.00	\$
Unexpended Appropriations:		
Town Dump	100.00	
School District:		
Appropriation	3,403.19	4,761.73
Dog Licenses	173.83	221.83
State of New Hampshire:		
Special Poll Taxes at \$3.00	96.00	
Total Liabilities	\$ 8,273.02	\$ 4,983.56
Surplus		572.16
Total Liabilities & Surplus	\$ 8,273.02	\$ 5,555.72
Net Debt—December 31, 1948	\$1,112.38	
Surplus—December 31, 1949	572.16	
Net Change in Financial Condition	\$ 1,684.54	

Summary of Town Clerk's Accounts Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1949

DEBITS

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:

1947-48 Nos. 15788-15789	\$	3.03	
1948-49 Nos. 15651-15800		776.17	
		<u> </u>	\$ 779.20

Dog Licenses Issued:

Males-24 at \$2.00	\$	48.00	
Females-1 at \$5.00		5.00	
		<u> </u>	53.00
Less: 25 Fees at \$.20		5.00	
		<u> </u>	48.00
Total			<u> </u> \$ 827.20

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer:

a/c Motor Vehicle Permits	\$	779.20	
a/c Dog Licenses		48.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 827.20

**Summary of Receipts and Expenditures
And Proof of Treasurer's Balance
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1949**

Balance on Hand -

December 31, 1948	\$	3,088.53	
Receipts During 1949		31,388.83	
		\$34,477.36	
Expenditures During 1949		33,414.56	
		\$ 1,062.80	

PROOF OF TREASURER'S BALANCE

Balance in the First National Bank of Bristol—

As per Statement of			
December 30, 1949	\$	1,796.61	
Add: Deposit of			
January 5, 1950		\$1,208.40	
Add: Deposit of			
January 17, 1950		36.81	
		1,245.21	
		\$ 3,041.82	
Less: Checks Outstanding		1,979.02	
		\$ 1,062.80	

Tax Levy of 1948
Summary of Warrant
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1949

DEBITS					
	Total	Property	Polls	Interest	
Uncollected Taxes -					
Dec. 31, 1948	\$ 3,980.79	\$ 3,936.79	\$ 44.00	\$	
Interest Collected					
During 1949	109.36				109.36
	<u>\$ 4,090.15</u>	<u>\$ 3,936.79</u>	<u>\$ 44.00</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>109.36</u>
CREDITS					
Remittances to Treasurer	\$ 4,090.15	\$ 3,936.79	\$ 44.00	\$	109.36

Tax Levy of 1949
Summary of Warrant
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1949

DEBITS

	Total	Property	Polls
Taxes Committed to Collector	\$ 19,975.79	\$19,723.79	\$ 252.00
Added Taxes During 1949	710.63	708.63	2.00
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	\$ 20,686.42	\$20,432.42	\$ 254.00

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer	\$ 15,983.73	\$15,831.73	\$ 152.00
Abatements	265.77	249.77	16.00
Uncollected Taxes—			
December 31, 1949	4,436.92	4,350.92	86.00
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	\$ 20,686.42	\$20,432.42	\$ 254.00

Classified Summary of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1949

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue: Local Taxes:

Tax Levy of 1949:

Property Taxes	\$ 15,831.73	
Poll Taxes	152.00	
	<u> </u>	\$15,983.73

Tax Levy of 1948:

Property Taxes	3,936.79	
Poll Taxes	44.00	
	<u> </u>	3,980.79

Tax Levy of 1946:

Property Taxes	25.87	
Interest Received on Taxes	109.81	
	<u> </u>	\$20,100.20

State of New Hampshire:

Interest & Dividend Tax	\$ 106.32	
Railroad Tax	.10	
Savings Bank Tax	123.67	
Bounties	55.00	
Blister Rust Reimbursement	3.52	
Town Road Aid Account	2,317.58	
	<u> </u>	2,606.19

Local Sources Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	48.00
Registration of Motor Vehicles	779.20

Income from Departments:

Sale of Fire Dept. Hose	\$ 25.00	
Forest Fire Reimbursement	10.47	
	<u> </u>	35.47
		<u> </u> 862.67

Total Current Revenue Receipts	\$ 23,569.06
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Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:

Temporary Loans	8,000.00
	<u> </u>
Total Receipts From All Sources	\$ 31,569.06
Balance on Hand - December 31, 1948	3,088.53
	<u> </u>
Grand Total	\$ 34,657.59

Classified Summary of Receipts and Expenditures **Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1949**

EXPENDITURES

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$	768.99	
Town Officers' Expenses		457.29	
Town Hall Expenses		29.90	
		<u> </u>	\$ 1,256.18

Protection of Persons & Property:

Fire Department	1,339.66	
Blister Rust	200.00	
Bounties	46.00	
	<u> </u>	1,585.66

Health:

Health Department & Town Dump	200.00	
Vital Statistics	3.00	
	<u> </u>	203.00

Highways & Bridges:

Town Road Aid	343.28	
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Town Maintenance:

Summer	\$ 4,085.77		
Winter	2,492.35		
	<u> </u>	6,578.12	
		<u> </u>	6,921.40
varies			30.00

Libraries

Public Welfare:

Old Age Assistance	679.73	
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Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day	15.00	
Old Home Day	20.00	
	<u> </u>	35.00

Unclassified:

Advertising & Regional Associations	26.00	
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Total Current Maintenance Expenses		<u> </u>	\$ 10,736.97
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Classified Summary of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1949

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Expenditures Other Than Current Maintenance:

Indebtedness:

Temporary Loans	\$ 12,500.00	
Interest on Temporary Loans	202.73	
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New Construction & Permanent Improvements:

Town Road Aid Account	2,533.63
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Other Governmental Divisions:

Special Poll Taxes to

State of New Hampshire	\$ 96.00
County Tax	1,872.27

School District:

1948-49 Appropriation	3,403.19	
1949-50 Appropriation	2,250.00	
	<hr/>	7,621.46
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		\$22,857.82

Total Expenditures for All Purposes	33,594.79
Balance on Hand - December 31, 1949	1,062.80
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Grand Total	\$ 34,657.59
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Statement of Trust Funds

Principal and Income

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1949

Income Activity

Name of Fund

Depositories:

New Hampshire Savings Bank:

Emerson Cemetery Funds

Old Home Cemetery Funds

Whittemore Point Fund

Plymouth Guaranty Savings Bank:

Webster Cemetery Fund

Webster, C. E.
Cross Fund

Cross Fund
Town of Bridgewater Library Fund*

Amoskeag Savings Bank:

John C. Batchelder Fund

* Town of Bridgewater Library Fund not previously reflected in report of Trust Funds.	\$	1,900.87	\$	1,606.52	\$	153.76	\$	91.44	\$	1,668.84	\$	3,569.71
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* Town of Bridgewater Library Fund not previously reflected in report of Trust Funds.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Town Officers Salaries

Edward G. Mellus, Collector	\$ 150.00
Everett E. Atwood, Selectman	175.00
Lee E. Horsman, Selectman	112.50
Hollis Pollard, Selectmen	112.50
Ina M. Atwood, Treasurer	50.00
Elizabeth Pollard, Clerk	50.00
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	\$ 650.00

Town Officers' Expenses

First National Bank of Bristol,	
Bank charges	\$.44
State Tax Commission Audit	52.19
Record Print, Town Reports	126.89
John C. Ray, Town Officers' Bonds	55.00
Brown & Saltmarsh, supplies	18.37
F. J. Shores, transfers	11.47
Anna Proctor, transfer names	.30
Bristol Enterprise, supervisor expenses	22.00
Wheeler & Clark, dog tags	3.87
Assn. of N. H. Assessors, dues	2.00
E. E. Atwood, Fire Warden	
Express on fire tools	4.00
F. J. Shores, recording St. Germain lease	1.60
Ida Horner, collector Ass'n. dues	2.00
E. G. Mellus, expenses	40.85
Hollis Pollard, expenses	11.20
Lee E. Horsman, expenses	5.22
E. E. Atwood, expenses	22.00
Elizabeth Pollard, expenses	15.66
Sears & Roebuck, adding machine	59.50
Ina Atwood, expenses	2.50
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	\$ 457.06

State of N. H. Blister Rust	200.00
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Election and Registration Expenses

Marietta Gilpatric	\$	14.60
Elmer Wiser		11.00
Jane Cook		12.39
E. G. Mellus, Moderator		5.00
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	\$	37.99

Town Hall

N. H. Electric Coop.	\$	24.00
Cement		5.90
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	\$	29.90

Fire Department

E. E. Atwood, forest fire	\$	20.94
State of N. H., fire tools		25.37
Express		1.85
Fire Protection Co., hose		1,006.50
Bristol Fire Dept. (Brock fire)		285.00
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	\$	1,339.66

REPORT OF JOHN L. JENNESS, Road Agent

Snow Removal

J. L. Jenness, plowing with truck	\$ 467.40
Wendall Lougee, plowing with truck	386.00
Joe Carroll, plowing	40.00
Creighton Gray, plowing with tractor	96.50
William Timson, labor	12.00
Robert Cass, labor	15.20
Maurice Jenness, labor	86.00
Leo Gilpatric, labor	32.10
Robert Gray, labor	16.00
Mason Gray, labor	8.00
Clifton Willoughby, labor	17.00
Zack Brock, labor	10.00
Max Jenness, labor	6.00
Wilder's Garage, bill	16.16
Chas. A. Gould, bill welding & iron	133.40
Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., bill	41.46
Proctor, Welding & Iron	70.04
R. C. Hazelton Co. plow blade	12.55
C. B. Titus, oil	7.60
Motor Vehicle Dept., tax on fuel oil	4.20
Ray Road Equipment, blades	29.18
Caldon's, labor	3.50
Guy Davison, labor	1.00
H. J. Follansbee, bill bolts	1.50
Plymouth Plumbing & Heating Co.	.98
Del Bucklin	2.52
Rand's	7.32
Fred's Auto Service	4.46
Jones' Express	1.20
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	\$ 1,529.27

Sanding

J. L. Jenness, truck	\$ 312.40
Wendall Lougee, truck	207.60
Maurice Jenness, labor	77.30
Robert Gray, labor	14.00
Raymond Willoughby, labor	9.00
Clifton Willoughby, labor	8.00
George Miller, labor	8.00
Ira Morrill, labor	5.00
Creighton Gray, labor	16.40
William Timson, labor	21.00
Mason Gray, labor	6.00
Robert Gilpatric, labor	12.00
Robert Cass, labor	44.80
Chase Grain Mill, salt	128.00
R. J. Brown, shovel	60.00
Roy Woodward, sand	4.50
Leo Gilpatric, labor	9.00
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	\$ 943.00

Summer Roads

J. L. Jenness, labor	\$ 984.00
J. L. Jenness, truck	743.00
Leo Gilpatric, labor	114.80
Robert Cass, labor	84.80
Maurice Jenness, labor	269.30
Creighton Gray, labor	56.00
Max Jenness, labor	300.60
Wendall Lougee, truck and labor	152.80
Joe Carroll, labor	16.00
Wilfred Morrill, labor	117.10
Harry Smith, labor	86.20
Ira Morrill, labor	173.30
Lawrence Fogg, labor	6.40
Mason Gray, labor	91.40
R. W. Gilpatric, labor	12.80
G. A. Ober, gas	90.29
E. C. Nelson, tire for grader	75.23
Gould, labor	10.26
Fracher's Hardware, tools	7.60
Ralph Miles, tools	3.00
C. B. Titus, oil	8.90
Chase Grain Mill, culverts	164.17
New England Metal, culverts	45.00
Ray Road Equipment, culverts	49.80
Del Bucklin, labor and gas	77.48
H. L. Follansbee, tools	13.30
Everett Atwood, planks	129.88
Murray Machine Co., grader parts	110.21
Clara Jenness, gravel	32.40
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	\$ 4,026.02

OLD HOME DAY

Cash on hand, August 1, 1949	\$	14.57
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Received:

Town	20.00
Sunday Service Contribution, Aug. 21	29.70
Sales Committee, Aug. 25	50.30

\$	114.57
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Payments:

Philip Spaulding, tuning piano	\$	7.00
Enterprise Print, leaflets and cards		9.00
Plymouth Hospital		80.00
In Savings Bank		18.57

\$	114.57
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JOSEPHINE H. FLETCHER,

Treasurer

Cash on hand, April 1, 1949	\$ 245.93
Received, Tax from Town	30.00
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	\$ 275.93

Payments

Jessica A. Watrous, care of		
Turnpike station	\$	10.00
Edna L. LeBeau, care River Road Station		10.00
Josephine Fletcher, care Hill station		2.00
History of Bristol		5.00
Rebinding books		4.21
Balance on hand, Dec. 31		244.72
	\$	<u>275.93</u>

January 1949 to 1950

Turnpike Station	
Town Books	120
Borrowed from Bookmobile	140
From State Library	45
Loaned	155
River Road Station	
Town Books	457
(Include all books from storage in school house sold)	
From Bookmobile	249
Loaned	506
Hill Station	
Town books	106
Loaned	44

JESSICA A. WATROUS,
JOSEPHINE H. FLETCHER,
EDNA L. LeBEAU,
Trustees

CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Town of Bridge-water for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1949; and, subject to exceptions as noted in the report, found them to be in good order. In our opinion the Exhibits included herewith reflect the true financial condition of the Town, together with the results of operations for the period under review.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD G. FOWLER,

Director

Division of Municipal Accounting

State Tax Commission

Alan R. Matthews, Auditor

Hugh J. Cassidy, Accountant.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Forest Fires—Our Most Shameful Waste

Everyone apparently fears fires but too many are careless with it. This is particularly true of fires in and near woodlands. Official figures show that more than 98 per cent of all forest fires result from human carelessness and can be prevented. Consequently, we may say "Forest Fires are our most shameful waste."

Annual forest fire losses are tremendous and their effects far reaching. Such fires destroy the raw products of the forests, the protection forests provide for game and the supply of ground water. They upset local economies by drawing men from gainful employment and requiring the expenditure of public funds to extinguish them.

Our forest fire organization is doing a good job in keeping the size of fires small but the number of fires is increasing. In 1949 there were 100 more fires in New Hampshire than in 1948, but they burned 500 acres less. For the warden and his deputies to do the job they are capable of, they must have the cooperation of the public—YOU!

The primary objective of all fire fighters is PREVENTION—fire stoppage. This is the goal toward which your local forest fire warden and his deputies are constantly working. It can be achieved ONLY if YOU and YOU and YOU cooperate with them. It is worth YOUR effort and can be accomplished by:

1. Being careful with fires in or near woodland, being particularly careful with matches and cigarettes.
2. Securing the required **written permit** from the warden when the ground is not covered with snow.
3. Insisting that others be careful and comply with burning requirements.
4. Calling the warden promptly when fire is detected and aiding him to extinguish it.

Let's reduce the number of forest fires and eliminate our most shameful waste.

GEORGE F. RICHARDSON, Jr.

E. E. ATWOOD,

District Fire Chief

Forest Fire Warden

School Report

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School district in the town of Bridgewater qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Grange Hall in said district on the 14th day of March, 1950, at one o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of the district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the school board and district clerk to certify to the Selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

Given under our hands at said Bridgewater this
27th day of February, 1950.

DAVID B. DICKINSON,
ELIZABETH P. POLLARD
BERTRAM L. FORBES,
School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

DAVID B. DICKINSON,
ELIZABETH P. POLLARD
BERTRAM L. FORBES,
School Board

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Directory

District Officers

Edward G. Mellus	Moderator
Alice Dickinson	Treasurer
Evelyn Gale	Clerk
Edward G. Mellus	Auditor

School Board

Bertram Forbes	Term Expires 1950
Elizabeth Pollard	Term Expires 1951
David Dickinson	Term Expires 1952

Teacher

Winona Brown	River Road
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Attendance Officer

Mrs. Clara Jenness

Superintendent of Schools

C. Maurice Gray

School Nurse

Phyllis Robertson, R.N.

FINANCIAL REPORT
of
School Treasurer & School Board
For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1949

Treasurer's Report

Summary:

Cash on hand June 30, 1948	\$ 77.39
Received from Selectmen, appropriation	5,344.64
Received from Selectmen, balance of previous appropriation	472.10
Received from Selectmen, dog tax	86.45
Received from State Treasurer, State Aid	365.79
Received from all other sources	25.00
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Total amount available for fiscal year	\$ 6,371.37
Less School Board Orders paid	6,158.93
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Balance on hand as of June 30, 1949	\$ 212.44

ALICE B. DICKINSON,
Treasurer

Auditor's Certificate

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Bridgewater, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949 and find them correct in all respects.

EDWARD G. MELLUS,
Auditor

School Board's Report

Receipts:

From Selectmen, Appropriation	\$ 5,344.64
From Selectmen, Appropriation from previous year	472.10
From Selectmen, dog tax	86.45
From State Treasurer	365.79
From all other sources	25.00
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Total Receipts	\$ 6,293.98
Cash on Hand, June 30, 1948	77.39
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Grand Total	\$ 6,371.37

Detailed Statement of Payments

Salaries of District Officers:

Bertram Forbes, school board	\$	18.75
Elizabeth Pollard, school board		18.75
David Dickinson, school board		25.00
Edward Mellus, auditor		3.00
Alice Dickinson, treasurer		12.50
Evelyn Gale, clerk		6.00
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	\$	84.00

Superintendent's Salary:

Supervisory Union No. 4	170.75
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Truant Officer and School Census:

Clara Jenness	15.00
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Expenses of Administration:

Alice Dickinson, expenses	3.39
John C. Ray, treasurer's bond	5.00
Supervisory Union No. 4, clerk and office expense	64.56
First National Bank, Bristol, service charges	8.13
David Dickinson, expenses	2.70
Record Print, school reports	41.74
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	125.52

Teacher's Salary

Winona Brown	1,623.00
Collector of Internal Revenue	180.90
Teacher's Retirement Board	168.32
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	1,972.22

Textbooks:

Encyclopaedia Britannica, Inc.	5.90
Row, Peterson & Co.	6.88
Ginn & Co.	1.94
Houghton Mifflin Co.	10.41
Martin & Murray Co.	21.95

Noble & Noble Publishing Co.	3.29	
Charles E. Merrill & Co., Inc.	3.19	
Beckley-Cardy Co.	11.36	
Silver Burdett Co.	18.84	
Iroquois Publishing Co.	1.09	
Scott, Foresman & Co.	.84	
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Scholars' Supplies:		
Houghton Mifflin Co.	.58	
Supervisory Union No. 4	6.74	
Cascade Paper Co.	31.48	
American Education Press, Inc.	6.20	
Upton Co.	6.17	
Edward E. Babb Co.	18.98	
J. L. Hammett Co.	16.12	
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Other Expenses of Instruction:		
Estelle Watts	96.00	
Teachers' Retirement Board	4.00	
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Janitor Service:		
Winona Brown		25.00
Fuel:		
Socony Vacuum Oil Co.		219.75
Water, Light & Janitor Supplies:		
N. H. Electric Cooperative	68.46	
Edward E. Babb Co.	17.40	
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Minor Repairs & Expenses:		
Paul Torsey, carrying seats	4.00	
Albert Blake, labor and filter	10.10	
Edward E. Babb Co., flagstaff bracket	3.90	
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Medical Inspection:

Supervisory Union No. 4, nurse's salary	70.00	
Wm. G. McCrillis, medical supplies	.99	
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Transportation of Pupils:

John Jenness	1,225.00	
Mabel Huckins	735.24	
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High School Tuition:

Bristol School District	171.66	
Plymouth School District	632.88	
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Elementary Tuition:

Bristol School District	172.24
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Insurance:

John C. Ray	85.00
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Other Fixed Charges:

F. Gordon Kimball, State Treas., Per Capita Tax	68.00	
Supervisory Union No. 4, Supt's. Retirement	9.86	
	<hr/>	77.86

Total Expenses	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$	6,158.93

Certificate

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

BERTRAM FORBES,
ELIZABETH POLLARD,
DAVID DICKINSON,

School Board

COMPARATIVE BUDGETS

	1948-49 Budget	Spent 1948-49	1949-50 Budget	1950-51 Estimate
Salaries of Dis- trict officers	\$ 77.50	\$ 84.00	\$ 80.50	\$ 80.50
Superintendent's salary	150.00	170.75	170.00	213.31
Truant Officer and census	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Expenses of administration	105.00	125.52	105.00	75.00
Teachers' Salaries	1,900.00	1,972.22	2,000.00	2,000.00
Text Books	40.00	85.69	40.00	60.00
Scholars' supplies	75.00	86.27	75.00	75.00
Other expenses of instruction	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Janitor Service	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Fuel	225.00	219.75	225.00	225.00
Water, light & Jan. supplies	100.00	85.86	75.00	100.00
Minor repairs and expenses	125.00	18.00	75.00	100.00
Medical supervision	60.00	70.99	75.00	137.44
Transportation of pupils	1,850.00	1,960.24	2,000.00	2,247.00
High School Tuition	450.00	804.54	1,600.00	1,750.00
Elementary School Tuition	300.00	172.24	320.00	630.00
Other special activities	5.00		5.00	5.00
Per Capita Tax	68.00	68.00	52.00	64.00
Insurance and other charges	85.00	85.00	30.00	224.50
Retirement	96.38	9.86	108.50	
New Equipment	20.00		20.00	20.00
Totals	\$ 5,871.88	\$ 6,158.93	\$ 7,196.00	\$ 8,146.75

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1950-51

Detailed Statement of Expenditures

Support of Schools:

Teachers' Salaries	\$ 2,000.00
Text Books	60.00
Scholars' Supplies	75.00
Other Expenses of Instruction	100.00
Janitor Service	25.00
Fuel	225.00
Water, Light & Janitor Supplies	100.00
Minor Repairs & Expenses	100.00
Medical Supervision	137.44
Transportation of Pupils	2,247.00
Other Special Activities	5.00

Other Statutory Requirements:

Salaries of District Officers	80.50
Truant Officer & Census	15.00
Payment of Tuition in High School	1,750.00
Payment of Tuition in Elementary School	630.00
Superintendent's Salary	213.31
Per Capita Tax	64.00
Other Obligations of the District	319.50

Total Amount Required to Meet School Board's Budget	\$ 8,146.75
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Estimated Income

State Aid

Income from Trust Funds

Elementary School Tuition Receipts

Deduct Estimated Income

Assessment Required to Balance
School Board's Budget

GENERAL STATISTICS

Enrollment by Grades

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
1948-49	1	2	1	3	2	1	1	2	13
1949-50	4	3	2	2	3	2	1	1	18

District Totals

	Av. Attend.	Av. Abs.	Av. Memb.	% Attend.
1948-49	13.7	.2	13.9	98.5
1949-50	15.6	.6	16.2	96.2

Tuition Pupils

Bristol Elementary—Rate \$80.00

Paul Morrill	Grade 3
Marcia Jane Fowler	4
Robert Cook	7
Marlene Currier	7

Bristol High School—Rate \$150.00

Nancy Brock	Grade 9
Shirley Brock	9
Robert Pollard	9
Beverly Currier	10

Plymouth High School—Rate \$171.00

David Dickinson	Grade 9
Patricia Mitchell	9
Roger Kramer	11
Elizabeth Forbes	12
Leo Gilpatric	12

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1950-51

Open September 5

Close Dec. 22

Open Jan. 2

Close Feb. 16

Open Feb. 26

Close April 13

Open April 23

Close completion of 180 days

Days out: Plymouth Fair, Oct. 12, Nov. 23, Nov. 24, May 30. Single sessions on Nov. 22 and Dec. 22.

Total number of days required by State Board is 180 including 3 for institutes and conventions, and up to 5 for workshops.

Pupils may enter the first grade provided they are 6 before January 1.

Vaccination is required by state law unless child has written excuse from doctor.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Continued Teacher Shortage. One hesitates to repeat himself in these reports but it seems necessary as long as others refuse to accept the facts. The shortage of elementary teachers is as great as at any time in the past few years and will probably remain that way due to several causes: 1) Young people are not training for the elementary field of work although more have entered the colleges than for several years; 2) There will be a steady increase in the number of elementary pupils throughout the nation for several years with those under one year of age being generally the greatest single age group in Union No. 4; 3) There is a steady drain of the best qualified teachers from New Hampshire to the three New England states to the south of us and to states beyond this area due to higher salaries, better professional opportunities, greater security through tenure laws and retirement provisions, and living conditions more attractive to our younger teachers.

Tuition Costs. A new law passed by the last legislature now permits any school district to charge a tuition rate based upon total costs. "This current expense of operation shall include all costs except those made for capital outlay and debt obligations as determined annually by the state board of education." In other words to the costs of instruction may now be added operating expenses such as fuel, lights, janitor services, etc. Local tuition rates for high schools may jump \$50.00 and maybe more in some instances. Outside of tuition and transportation costs budgets probably won't show any great increases provided inflationary trends do not start a new spiral.

School Costs. Due to the small number of pupils and transportation costs the per pupil costs in Bridgewater, Hebron and Groton are relatively high and will probably remain that way. Teacher's salaries are at the lowest permitted by the state and other costs are as low as can be expected. However, due to high per pu-

pill evaluation of property it is fairly safe to say that the amount of state aid to be received will never be great, if any at all. For the year of 1948 Bridgewater had a school tax per \$1000 equalized evaluation of \$6.07, Groton one of \$8.13 and Hebron \$5.09 while the state average was \$12.10. Alexandria had a rate of \$19.29, Bristol \$11.35, Canaan \$14.50 and Grafton \$16.07. This was a year of greatest state aid and these figures for Canaan and Bristol will be considerably higher when figured at the end of the year. A tax rate this year of \$30 or below is indeed very rare in the state. Current rates may be found in the 1949 New Hampshire Register.

Respectfully submitted,

C. MAURICE GRAY

